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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF RCAA AND FAA OFFICES FROM BEIRUT

REF.: STATE 303736, ROME 18150, ROME 16895, ROME 18027,
BEIRUT A-02 JANUARY 2, 1975, BEIRUT A-03 JANUARY 6, 1975

1. RCAA DWOR'S OFFICIAL TRAVELS FY 74 AND FY 75 SHOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF B&F UNIT, EMBASSY BEIRUT. RCAA DWOR STATES SUBSTANTIVE IN-DEPTH CIVILAIR TELEGRAMS AND AIRGRAMS WERE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AFTER EVERY REGIONAL TRIP. (RCAA OWN RECORDS SHIPPED TO ATHENS BY EMBASSY BEIRUT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO). RECENT SAMPLE OF RCAA REPORTING IS ROME'S 18027, TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AFTER EARLY DECEMBER (1975) VISIT TO ATHZNS. COMMENTS ON DWOR'S REPORTING AND REPRESENTATIONAL PERFORMANCE BY DEPARTMENT AND END USERS (EMBASSIES, FAA, COMMERCE, AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY) ARE IN DWOR'S PERSONNEL RECORDS IN DEPARTMENT AND, PARTIALLY, IN DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF AVIATION AFFAIRS, WITH FURTHER REGARD TO DWOR'S SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING, BASED ON RCAA OFFICIAL TRAVELS AND A CONTINUING RCAA PRESENCE IN THE REGION, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALSO PERUSE BEIRUT AIRGRAMS A-02, JANUARY 2, 1975, AND A-03, JANURY 6, 1975, BOTH DRAFTED BY RCAA DWOR, ANALYZING PAST AND FORECASTING FUTURE MIDDLE EAST/SOUTH ASIA AIRLINE MARKETS FOR U.S. COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FAA HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO RELOCATE FAA
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REGIONAL OFFICIAL TO ROME, WHICH WILL ENHANCE FAA'S REGIONAL

STANCE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING AVIATION SAFETY (BOTH PAN AM AND TWA SERVE ROME, WHICH FACILITATES FAA AREA MONITORING OF U.S. CARRIER FLIGHT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES). FAA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (EUROPE, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST) CLYDE PACE AND STAFF PERFORMED ROME SITE INSPECTION EARLY DECEMBER AND FOUND PROPOSED FACILITIES AND LOCATION FAVORABLE. RESULTS OF FAA SITE INSPECTION TRANSMITTED TO FAA WASHINGTON BY PACE, WHO UNDERSTANDS FAA WASHINGTON WILL FORWARD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES TRANSFER TO ROME OF REGIONAL FAA AND RCAA OFFICES WOULD BE DESIRABLE ACTION, PROVIDED CONDITIONS CITED PAR. 2, ROME'S 16895 ARE MET. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT FAA AGREEABLE TO ADDING ITALY TO ITS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH WOULD GREATLY ASSIST EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC SECTION.

4. SINCE FAA NOW REQUIRES ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICE AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, INCREASING TOTAL SPACE REQUIREMENT TO FIVE OFFICES (INCLUDING ONE FOR RCAA AND ONE FOR RCAA AND FAA SECRETARIES), MONTHLY RENT WILL BE \$1,300 RATHER THAN \$1,000. CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS WILL REQUIRE AN EXPENDITURE OF \$3,000; PLUS SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO MONITOR FAA EXAMINEES, WHICH COSTS FAA WILL ABSORB.

5. SINCE MANAGEMENT OF HOTEL AMBASSADOR HAS RESERVED SPACE FOR FAA/RCAA OFFICES SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER, WITH CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE, AND SINCE MODIFICATIONS WILL TAKE 45-60 DAYS TO COMPLETE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ANSWER RE SIGNING OF LEASE WITH HOTEL MANAGEMENT.

6. /FOR BEIRUT:/ RCAA DWOR WOULD APPRECIATE ADMIN/B&F TELEGRAPHING RCAA OFFICIAL TRAVEL ITINERARIES FY 74 AND FY 75 TO DEPARTMENT SOONEST.VOLPE

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